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The Minden Community Food Centre is grateful to the community, not only for all it has done over the course of this difficult year, but for everything over the past 30 years. We have come to realize that most of the public does not know what we do at the Minden Community Food Centre and we thought this was a good time to let the public know what we are doing with your donated dollars.

This year has been exemplary because the need has been greater than ever before. We have always provided food for those in need, and over the years the food bank moved several times from place to place wherever the rent and space allowed.

Six years ago the food bank partnered with the Arcadia Masonic Lodge to build a more stable home for the food bank. This move helped both the food bank and the Masonic Lodge. The Lodge needed to be upgraded and we needed a permanent bigger home to better serve the community. We rent from the Masonic Lodge with a long-term lease. We always provided food and free clothing, but now we have been able to do so much more for the community. We are now able to be a food bank, a community kitchen, and a hub to help other food banks.

Currently, the food bank serves over 250 families, who can use our facilities once per month. Now, with the pandemic, we have been able to deliver some orders to homes where the resident is housebound because of mobility or health issues. We are still providing food, clothing, shoes, diapers and incontinent products, personal hygiene products and all at no cost to those in need of help. We provide winter clothing and change the selection to suit each season. We also have a small library for adults and children's books. This is all done at no cost to the recipient.

We belong to Feed Ontario, and Food Banks Canada and through them we have been able to distribute over 1,150 emergency boxes to people that have never used a food bank before. These boxes all contain a quantity of dry foods, i.e. peanut butter, canned meat and vegetables, beans, cereal, jam etc. and anybody that was adversely affected by COVID-19 could have an emergency box to help them through this tough time.

The community kitchen prepares between 80 and 100 meals every week, which are frozen in nine inch pans. Each meal features meat and is sized to feed two people. All the meals and homemade soups are distributed to clients at the food bank. Occasionally we have accepted donations from seniors that are not clients of the food bank and would like meals, but for the most part all the meals are free to everyone in need.

We shop locally whenever possible and when we buy large amounts or are given large amounts of food products, we share what we have with all the food banks in the area, including SIRCH Community Services. We believe that we have an obligation to stretch every dime that is donated to us and we stretch every dollar as far as we can. We only have two part-time employees, everyone else volunteers their time.

The community kitchen also takes part in several community programs and initiatives, such as the applesauce project, which we run every fall. Through the generosity of the public, our volunteers go out and pick apples from local trees and other volunteers turn it into applesauce and apple crisp that we freeze and distribute, mostly to families with kids.

The last two years have seen us run children's cooking programs in the kitchen. The Grade 8 class from Archie Stouffer came for eight weeks in a row to learn how to cook, plan a meal, buy the food on a budget and host a formal dinner for their teachers and parents. We also ran summer cooking camps for younger children, which was a huge success. These programs have been a huge hit and hopefully will be done again after the pandemic is over.

This Christmas we produced and distributed over 180 Christmas hampers containing the fixings for Christmas Dinner, and about 10 days' worth of food, including fresh fruit and vegetables and toys for every single child. This would not have been possible without community donations and the volunteers that gave their time to pick up products, packed the boxes and distributed everything. This was especially difficult this year because of the COVID-19 restrictions and it meant that instead of 80 volunteers we could only use 25 people, which was a massive undertaking.

Our programs have gone beyond food. When Minden suffered from the floods we immediately set up two disaster relief stations, one at the arena and one at the community kitchen. We were able to provide hot lunches for anybody that needed it, and in the evening we hosted dinners at the community kitchen for anybody that could get to the kitchen. Those that didn't want to leave their sump pumps were delivered meals. During the disaster relief we provided bedding, dry clothing, toiletries and we wrote a disaster plan that is ready if it is ever needed again.

We regularly work with the schools, with mental health agencies, the women's shelter, the Town of Minden Hills, and we have kits that we provide to homeless people that contain a few dishes, a can opener, and an impervious mat made by one of our volunteers.

We have a medical equipment program now whereby we have been given wheelchairs, walkers, canes, bath seats, et cetera that we loan out to those that can't afford to buy or rent these things after getting out of the hospital.

Additionally, the food centre houses Fuel For Warmth. Although not officially affiliated, we often connect people in need of food with those in need of heat and this partnership has worked out very well over the years.

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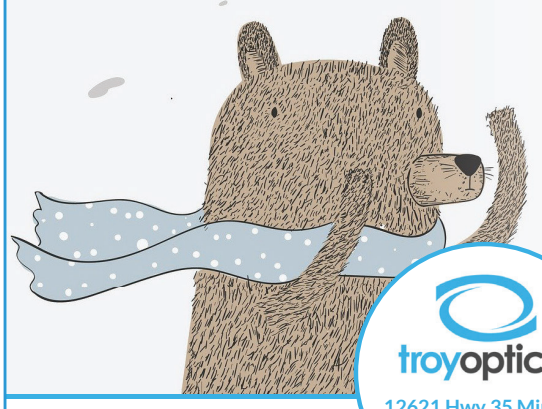

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Canoe FM Radio Playhouse brings the theatre to you

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Paul Vorvis, Rita Jackson and John Jackson rehearse *Quotation is a Suitable Substitute for Wit*, which began broadcasting on the Canoe FM Radio Playhouse on April 7. /Photo submitted by Kate Butler

The show must go on and it will do so over the airwaves into your living room, over your car speakers or straight into your ears via headphones courtesy of CanoeFM.

The local station's Radio Playhouse will air on the first and third Wednesday of each month, beginning April 7 from 6 to 7 p.m., featuring a show produced by a local theatre group such as Highlands Summer Festival, Highlands Little Theatre and Rural Rogues on the first Wednesday, and a historic radio play broadcasting on the third Wednesday of the month.

Local radio theatre will help fill a need not just for a community of keen listeners, but for the writers, performers and producers themselves who have been missing the opportunity to delight and entertain due to pandemic restrictions.

"In March of 2020, when everything locked down for the first time, Highlands Little Theatre was just a couple of weeks away from the opening night of a show," said Kate Butler. "In the early days of the pandemic, a group of theatre folks came together once a week to read plays together on Zoom and while that was lots of fun, it wasn't the same as regular theatre."

Rita Jackson, who has been performing through singing and performing theatre for more than 25 years, including the last four in Haliburton County, said the lack of theatre has been disheartening to say the least.

"Well, using that well-used theatre saying, 'break a leg,' it kind of feels like I broke that leg, and both my arms, and I am in a full body cast," said Jackson. She and her husband, John, have been "bouncing around the idea of a radio theatre program ever since the pandemic took its first grip on our lives," and after being involved in the reading of *Charles Dickens: A Christmas Carol* on Canoe FM this past December, immediately realized the community needed more on-air performances.

"Community theatre is, at its core, about community and camaraderie – a group of people putting on a show really becomes like a family, so in addition to missing putting on the shows themselves and connecting with an audience, we've also missed that connection within the theatre community," said Butler. "A couple of times, we've started to edge towards getting back onstage, but it's just felt safer, thus far, to keep things on hold. So, when the opportunity for radio theatre came up, it seemed like the best of both worlds!"

The pilot show on April 7 featured a presentation by Rural Rogues Productions of Butler's short play called *Quotation is a Suitable Substitute for Wit*, which was performed as a live show in 2018 and has been adapted for radio, and the first part of a play which Michael Clipperton and Butler wrote last year called *Too Much Doubt*.

"The plan is to draw listeners in, so that they'll be looking forward to the rest of that one at a later date," said Butler, noting the second part will air on May 5.

Both plays, said Butler, are inspired by Haliburton County mysteries, and she said it's "important for listeners to remember that these plays are creative works inspired by historical events, especially since both mysteries remain unsolved to this day."

Quotation is a Suitable Substitute for Wit was inspired by a story Butler heard before she began working at the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

"It was an account of a woman who had simply vanished from Eagle Lake in 1892, while visiting her daughter and her daughter's family," she said. "There was no evidence as to what had happened, so I decided to let her enjoy an adventure. To say much more would be to give too much away, so people will just have to tune in."

Too Much Doubt is inspired by the 1917 disappearance of Jack Laking, the son of the owner of the Laking Lumber Company, who disappeared along with the company payroll on Drag Lake. While she and Clipperton had been thinking about writing a play about the mystery for awhile, Butler said the pandemic made them decide to get it down on paper.

"I think audiences will enjoy learning something about the history of Haliburton's mysteries, and how these events can inspire a fictitious response," said Clipperton. And then, laughing: "Most of the names have been changed to protect the guilty!"

Rural Rogues Productions has had experience bringing theatre to the stage, but also to the air.

"After Rural Rogues presented *Re-Generation: A Haliburton Tale* in the summer of 2017, we recorded it at Canoe FM the following winter," said Clipperton. "It was broadcast in two parts in the late evening ... It was a fun experience for us, during which we learned something about creating a theatrical experience with the use of only our voices. No costumes, no sets, no hair/makeup, etc. We did incorporate some live music, but other than that it was just the words that the audience heard. And, most importantly, there was no live audience which is so crucial to the face-to-face theatrical experience."

Clipperton has adapted his work in other ways during the pandemic, pivoting to online teaching to teach drama/dance/creative movement at Lakehead University, as well as a course in directing for the stage for a community theatre company in Merrickville.

"What has been absent from my regular routine is a constant round of rehearsals that would normally occupy two or three evenings a week and some of my weekends," he said.

Rural Rogues Productions will be presenting shows in April and May. In June and July, Highlands Summer Festival will be presenting a piece, and then in August and September, Highlands Little Theatre will present their work.

"Each theatre group has a slightly different mandate, so they'll be presenting different types of pieces, which will make the show really exciting, as there will be such a variety," said Butler.

"Radio theatre has so many different kinds of appeal," said Butler. "I think that it really encourages audiences to slow down and be fully present with an unfolding story. It also gives a great opportunity to use your imagination to picture the action while you listen. Whatever age you are, there's a huge appeal in being told a story - I think that's part of the reason why there's currently such a growing interest in audiobooks."

In choosing which plays to produce, Butler said cast size and suitability for radio were the greatest considerations.

"Casts needed to be small – or at least small numbers in any one scene at any one time – to ensure that people could adhere to social distancing guidelines within the Canoe FM Radio Hall," she said. "With radio theatre, the visual is, of course, in the listener's imagination, so we also needed plays that told their story in a way that was suitable for the medium."

The Rural Rogues team will be adapting plays they already have but also hope to offer a workshop on writing for radio later this year, Butler said, "to help cultivate some new material."

The Canoe FM Radio Playhouse will be

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Wildcats will embrace Earth Day through songwriting workshop

DARREN LUM
County Life Staff

Archie Stouffer Elementary School students are being gifted an opportunity by local environment group Environment Haliburton (EH) to have their environmental consciousness raised with an artistic experience this coming Earth Day on April 22.

Three intermediate classes (Grade 6 to 8 students) at the school will each participate in a 90-minute session, as part of a virtual workshop with long-time environmental activist, politician, songwriter, playwright and musician James Gordon, who will present and then work with each class to write and perform a song based on Earth Day themes, which will be recorded and sent back to ASES after.

Gordon's hope for the participating students is they develop the confidence to take what they have learned and try songwriting on their own.

"I've been thrilled with how many times this happens. Since I've been doing this for many years, I sometimes get CDs in the mail or download links from young people who say 'you came to my Grade 5 class and it inspired me to take up songwriting. Here is the result!' Also, I hope that by writing a song about Earth Day/ environmental/ climate change themes that their own awareness of these issues are raised," he wrote in an email.

Before the workshop, the classes were asked to pick and overarching theme related to Earth Day or the environment. The goal was to finish the day with three different collaborated songs.

Gordon said he's led hundreds of these kind of workshops before and discovered that students learn that their opinions and feelings matter. There is also a discovery about the songwriting process, which becomes an accessible art form and they learn the value of collaboration, co-operation, listening and sharing ideas.

Musician, Songwriter, playwright and environmental activist James Gordon will teach three ASES classes how to write and perform their own songs during a virtual workshop on Earth Day, April 22. /Photo submitted

He adds with new technology the written song can be posted on YouTube or on social media platforms to "make a real impact."

EH board member Eric Lillius said this opportunity is possible because of Dr. Dan Longboat, who made an appearance for the summer speaker series hosted by EH in Minden in 2019. He asked the payment owed to him for his appearance be used for school programming.

Typically, Lillius said, the organization has been focused on reaching adults, so the environmentalist activist organization used this opportunity to facilitate an outreach workshop to raise consciousness of the climate emergency facing the world among youth.

"It becomes a teaching moment for the teachers and then 'OK, how do we integrate that?' And what these kids will produce kind of reflects what they're thinking about ... think about environmental themes. Think about the environment. For us it's a climate emergency. For James it's a climate emergency. For governments not so much," he said.

He adds there could be a ripple effect from this, which could extend beyond the students to their families.

"We're just dropping a rock into the pool and the ripples will go out," he said.

Before the pandemic, Lillius had thought of bringing in Gordon more than a year ago because he was working on his Emergency Climate Musical and was going to be in the area for the related planned tour. The pandemic delayed things, but with students back in school the workshop was planned for this year. He adds EH would consider more learning opportunities like this in the future, but without the Longboat donation this wouldn't be possible. EH welcomes donations to plan to offer these kinds of educational opportunities.

ASES principal Jane Austin said this virtual workshop led by Gordon is important for three reasons:

"One, building awareness of local volunteer organizations and an understanding of their mandate enhances service learning and community leadership. Two, extracurricular learning opportunities enhance the Ontario curriculum and students' understanding and awareness of local, national and global issues. Three, the need for all of us to be environmental stewards is vital to the health of the community and the planet. Understanding of global warming is the first step to making a difference and being changemakers for our students."

Austin continues with, "I hope that the students learn about climate change, their carbon footprint and how they might work as individuals to make a positive impact on the Earth. I hope that they glean some knowledge about song-writing and the power of music to convey a message. I hope that they enhance their teamworking and networking skills through the process."

Gordon said these kinds of workshops provide an opportunity for discovery by everyone involved.

"Kids write great songs! They often have no preconceived notion around cliches, pop formulas etc. … so they write from the heart. I've often found that sometimes the teachers are surprised at which students take on a leadership role in the process. Not the usual suspects, but sometimes shyer students who really latch onto the possibilities of this medium to communicate and to shine! I've learned that kids can write good songs without musical training too. Anyone can do it!" he wrote.

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Radio Playhouse to offer community 'something they are sorely missing'

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hosted by Jackson, who is already well-known to Canoe listeners for hosting on-air alongside her husband John, and having appeared in many local theatre productions, including *Glorious: The True Story of Florence Foster Jenkins*, presented by Highlands Little Theatre in 2019. She is delighted to take to the airwaves this week, and is grateful for what she called a strong "commitment" from local theatre groups, playwrights, performers and Canoe FM's production team for keeping theatre alive in the community during the pandemic and beyond.

"There are many supporters of the Haliburton Highlands theatre scene – be it as performers, backstage crew or entertained patrons, and this radio show will offer them something they are all sorely missing," said Jackson. "Also, on the alternative Wednesdays of the Playhouse programs, will be old radio shows of the 1930s, '40s and '50s where the listeners take themselves back to the day when a family's entertainment came from their imaginations triggered by stories over the radio. After all, what is radio but the thrill of theatre."

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Bootleg gold

MICHAEL BARNES
Special to *County Life*

There is a maddening old saying to the effect that gold is where you find it.

Trouble is that some of the precious yellow metal is found by folks who are not entitled to it.

Ever since the time of the Phoenicians and Romans, gold mine owners have had trouble with the lustrous yellow metal and its security.

The Croesus Mine near Matheson had a short life but the ore in it was fabulously rich. Since the gold was mostly in the shaft, the company wisely bolted a metal plate over the excavation at night to prevent the riches from walking away. Unfortunately this type of precaution is difficult in more sophisticated operations.

Gold theft from the primary producer is called high-grading in the trade. Despite all that is known about the subject, every gold camp in Canada still loses millions in stolen bullion even though security departments are in place and extensive anti-hijack precautions are taken.

The OPP had a high grade squad based in Timmins and Kirkland Lake but even though they had singular successes, the effect was still like the little

Dutch boy with his finger in the leaking dam. Today the squad is long disbanded but the trade in illegally acquired precious metal goes on.

The full highgrading story will never likely be told because the often ingenious practice of removing gold illegally from mines, is just that, illegal. No one,or only a few, will talk.

Al Pare, the first manager at the great Hollinger Mine in Timmins, temporarily solved gold security by placing the first mine buildings right over visible gold seams. He reasoned that no one could get the stuff if it was covered up.

Walter Wilson was a well known highgrader in the Porcupine. In the late twenties it was common knowledge that he engage in this risky occupation. He had little trouble obtaining the bootleg gold but disposal was another problem. He seemed to have a charmed career until 1927 when

Robert Allen, a detective working for area mines began dogging his every move.

The smuggler was arrested at Porcupine Junction, while attempting to sell specie to a Montreal jeweller. He beat that rap but on appeal was sentenced to a brief two-year sentence. Wilson did well in his highgrading ventures. He built and ran the Pav, a dance hall which became a northern institution. When a house he owned was later torn down,people flocked to watch the job because they thought gold might have been hidden, long forgotten,in the walls.

During the Depression, over $3,000 in gold was discovered hidden on the surface property at the Moneta Mine right close to the downtown city area. Much of the gold theft was singularly more casual. During the night shift at the Hollinger Mine, miners often walked to surface in one of the raises that came up on the golf course. A chunk of rich ore could be thrown over the fence and picked up at leisure after the shift.

This little piece is not a slap in the face for Timmins, because Red Lake, Geraldton, Kirkland Lake, and Virginiatown all had their all had their share of high-grading.

Not that long ago a Kirkland Lake couple was faced with an unusual problem. They bought an old house and gradually remodelled it as time and finances permitted. One day they found an unexpected bonanza behind the siding in both the porch and basement. As boards were pried off the walls, several mason jars were discovered, each abrim with sparkling yellow gold.

Likely the home had once belonged to a production miner working in an area described by those in the trade as a 'jewellery shop'. The enterprising chap would have found a way to smuggle his booty out of the workplace and saved it for a rainy day. Now, mind you, no one heard what happened to this treasure trove. Likely the couple turned it in to the authorities, no doubt.

There is always a market for illicit precious metals. There is a funnel for the stuff out of Montreal and within a month it finds itself in the bazaars of India or other middle eastern centres.

Prospectors always look for high grade gold. So do those who have no business having it.

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Top 10 reasons your dog lays down in a puddle

During this pandemic, with all the COVID-19 puppies, there might be some new dog owners, who wonder why dogs do certain things. Well, join the club.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

The truth is we can only speculate what goes on inside the canine mind. Having said that, here are my top 10 reasons why I think dogs lay down in puddles.

1. Knows that doing this just once means 20 more minutes of outside time.
2. When you told her how nice poodles were, she wasn't really paying attention.
3. Likes the feeling of your good towels.
4. Trying to show you she doesn't need a fancy bath.
5. Thinks if she stays there long enough, ducks might land.
6. Wants to try a new look.
7. Trying to show you she can clean up puddles too.
8. Already knows how to dog paddle, so what's the big deal?
9. Trying to make it look deeper than it really is.
10. Their way of encouraging you to try new things.

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Piney Highlands smeared so green, no paintbox could contain
Their every shade and variant: an artist won't complain
But lately I spot colours wrong in ditches either side
Of heirloom road I wander between fields where deer reside

Same old route was once pristine when I began my strolls
Marvelled then at rocky walls, at turkeys and redpolls
Glorify this ancient Shield in golden hour glow
Pause when woolly heifer checks me out to say hello

Smile when bravest chickadee takes seed direct from palm
(Honour, when a wild thing understands that I am calm)
Hedgerows soon grow tangled when the spring knows through and through
Burgeoning makes shelter for each spider, toad and shrew

Softer roadside shoulders harbour secret turtle nest
Stripey snakes awake to bask on warm tar after rest
Tadpoles turn to bullfrogs, tiny peepers sing good night
Barred owl shifts on gnarly bark, dark saucer eyes squeeze tight

Maybe it too wonders what those strange ditch flecks might mean
Hot spots more and more these days when Hali should be green
Showing false weird colours nature here could not produce:
Fuchsia, orange, acid teal or neon-sick chartreuse

Flecks are cans that drivers toss from daily truck or car
Plastic-lidded red cups, too, or vodka mix, thrown far
Silver ends - aluminum - shoot sun-shock at my eyes
Shards of glass, bent beer caps flicked, confuse young butterflies

Today it's printed paper fresh-discarded with bright straws
Again, a brown-lid red cup which the evening breeze seesaws
Lowing cow has sauntered towards its pasture barbed-wire fence
Sniffs at stray waxed wrapper; black flies make her eyes intense

Blinks them twice as I turn heel to stroll past boulders home
Redwings do their screechy thing, a snapper bubbles foam
Pond sports silent otter in and out near birchy bank
I'll return tomorrow for this same wildness to thank

Deborah J. Reed

Good things happen in Haliburton

WILLIAM SPOTTON
Special to *County Life*

When clearing your driveway at your Haliburton cottage after being down 'south' in exotic Bowmanville for a month, and the price jumps from $20 to $300, not only does your jaw drop but so does your heart and any other part of your body that has not already dropped by the time one reaches 53 years of age.

I had a bush cord of wood coming the weekend after the pandemic stay-at-home order was lifted. It had been a month since I had been there. Before the stay at home order, I had been going up to my place often enough that I had been able to keep a parking pad cleared by reimagining my youth and using a shovel. After a month away, I had no illusions that my imagination was anywhere near good enough now. I needed a tractor or a plow or a blower… anything except that damn shovel. I called my normal guy, who lives on my road.

I started my usual spiel. "Hey, it is Spotton down the road from you. Remember you helped pull out our pontoon boat." I always assume no one knows who I am or remembers who I am when I call them. That is my insecurity or maybe just wishful thinking on my part.

"Yeah, yeah I know who you are. How are you doing?"

"Okay. As you know, I was coming up fairly regularly but now that the stay-at-home order is lifted I am coming back up. You mentioned that it was $20 to…"

"Hold on right there. If you need me to clear your lane, no can do. I have a flat. It'll be at least two weeks before I get the tractor back up and running. "

This is when some of my body parts started dropping.

"Sorry to hear that. Anyone filling in for you?"

He hemmed and hawed. He is a savvy enough business guy to not give customers away. Finally, "No not really. Everyone is doing their own until I am back up and running."

So there. Well after a quick thank you and goodbye I do what everyone does in the Highlands when one needs timely and accurate information. I went to the general store.

Without a blink or other pause, the fine lady I asked quickly referred me to a gentleman who can deal with month old embankments of four feet and more. He might be fully booked though. With me standing awkwardly in front of her, she phoned his Mom to confirm his number. Away to the races I was with sticky note in hand. Who needs Google when you have Agnew's?

I called him from the parking lot. It went straight to voicemail. I did a shop-and-drive staying in cell range. After about an hour and running out of things to do to justify the waste, I mean use, of gas, I called him again. This time he answered.

I explained my predicament.

He made sympathetic noises then: "Well, I can do it but not sure when I could get there..." He trailed off.

"If not this weekend, by Monday?" I tried to sound not too desperate or too cold.

He tried unsuccessfully not to laugh. To be fair, it was probably more of a 'guffaw'. So, I think I know what one of those is now.

"Um no, but maybe in the next week or two."

"Oh, okay and how much if I can make that work?"

No hesitation nor guffaw now: "$300 for it to be worthwhile. It's an hour there then back."

This is when the rest of my body parts dropped. I tried not to sound that I was wilting. That was

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'Nothing extra' – cottager learns first-hand about Haliburtonians' kindness

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basically my firewood budget.

"O…k…a…y, then I'll call you if I need to book."

"No problem. Text if it is easier. My voicemail is usually full."

It was Friday. My firewood guy was waiting to hear from me to confirm a time for delivery. He'd left a message yesterday. In courtesy, I could not leave him hanging any longer. I called him to reschedule the delivery while I hunted down a method to clear out a parking pad from a month's supply of Haliburton winter joy. As well, I would finally figure out just how many blankets I actually did have.

"Hey, it is Spotton." This time the chap did not actually know me. We had made all the arrangements by email. "Can I reschedule? I am having trouble getting someone to clear a spot on my lane."

"You mean like finding a guy with a plow?" he shot back jocularly.

"Yeah, the guy on my road who usually does it has a flat." I did not tell him about the $300 guy without a flat.

'Well, I can do it. I always have my plow on. Makes it easier to do deliveries. Some folks are very specific where they want their wood dropped."

Promising: "That would be great. The embankment is about four feet high though," I said, wondering if that would be a deal breaker.

"Shouldn't be a problem. You just want a pad for the wood and your car right, not the whole laneway?"

"Yep."

"Okay. Then I'll be there Saturday or Sunday depending on the weather."

William Spotton ran into some good people on a recent cottage trip to Haliburton, helping to clear a month's worth of snow off his driveway and pulling him out of a ditch.

"Great, but how much extra?"

"Nothing extra, part of delivery."

Good things can happen in Haliburton. "Thank you, see you on the weekend."

Saturday, while working in the garage, I heard a vehicle. I am at a sharp curve in the road on an incline, cars decelerate then accelerate. I heard the deceleration, then nothing, then the grinding of metal on snow and, hallelujah, gravel.

I popped my head out to see a red pick-up with a yellow twin plow running into the embankment barricading my laneway. Was this an angelic neighbour, a frustrated commuter tired of my car on the side of the road, or the gentleman I would come to refer to as 'Super Firewood Guy?'

The driver saw me; lowered his window and waved yelling. "William?"

"Yes."

"Just wanted to get it cleared before hauling the load in the trailer over tomorrow, especially since you mentioned the corner here. " I nodded and he went at it.

I grabbed a shovel and tried to look not completely useless. I was not successful. Even in his four-by-four and plow he still got stuck as I stood by blankly with my handy dandy $10 plastic sidewalk shovel. The wildlife, not to mention the locals, could smell the GTA off me.

Even as we both stood gravely by staring at his tire, funny how that never seems to fix anything, but it is cathartic, and it does make one feel truly Canadian especially if we nod wisely. To complete the picture, I was about to offer a beer but then around the corner a black pick-up came barreling. Without hesitating my guy waved the black pick up down.

"Can I throw a chain on your front?"

The driver nodded. Barely a word exchanged. He eased out Super Firewood Guy without a spin. Black pick-up continued on his way. I settled up, paying for my firewood that now had a temporary home.

"I'll text when coming over but obviously no need for you to be here."

I thanked him profusely.

Next day I treated myself to a dump run, that being the landfill, not the outhouse, and then to a BLT in celebration of things working out. During my sandwich, the text came that Super Firewood Guy was on his way over.

Without rushing, I finished up then headed back. It was a sunny day. I was in no rush and feeling amiable to the world at large. A pick-up came roaring up behind me. Obviously, he had more urgent need of the road than I. So, I courteously put my blinkers on, slowed down to pull over for him onto the wonderful snowmobile trail beside the road. He flew by as I slowed almost to a stop. I switched blinkers, checked mirror, then shoulder checked all was clear. I pressed on the gas to pull back out onto the road. Instead, my tires decided to try to find the bottom of the ditch that the snow had filled in so nicely for the snowmobiles. I tried once more to no better effect. I stopped to double check that what was happening was what I thought was. Yep, it was. I was stuck.

I grabbed my phone to check for reception bars. Super Firewood Guy carried chains as I now knew. No bars, this is wonderful pristine Haliburton after all. I started walking across the road spin-

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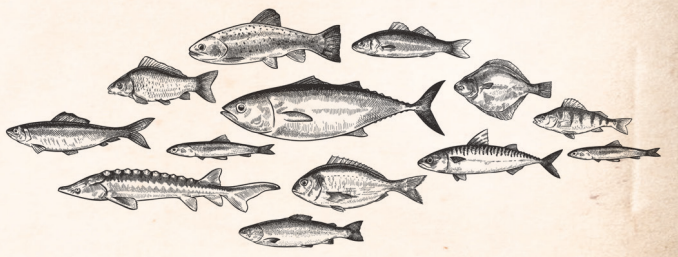

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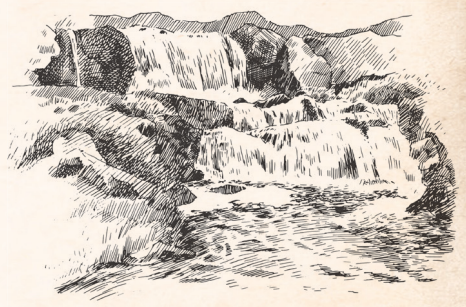

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'Thank yous and waves all around' brings end to eventful day

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ning and twirling doing the 'Ancient Reception Bar Dance' of all middle-aged luddites. Behind me, I heard the hum of skidoos. I looked down. For some reason I thought looking up would help with reception.

One, two skidoos came out of a trail. They stopped then bolted across the road then down away from me. Another came up. He came to full stop. I continued my dance. I heard another skidoo join the other at a full stop. Again, I looked down. The first guy was gesturing towards me. His helmeted head nodding to his companion. They bolted across the road then towards me.

"Stuck eh?" Said the lead rider.

"Yep and no bars, but I have a guy just a couple minutes away who has chains if I can get hold of him asap. He'll be gone soon though."

"Okay, if you can't get him, we have our truck next road over and some ropes. We can drive you down the road now until you get bars too," they offered without hesitation.

I nodded gratefully. Then without further adieu, the second rider pulled up and nodded at me. I hopped on the back. I extended my right arm waving my phone about for reception. I feebly tried to shield off the sun with my left. Off we roared. My dropped body parts started aching immediately from being in the novel (for me) crouch position. Less than a half a kilometre down the bars on my phone came to life. I tapped the shoulder of the driver. He stopped.

I stumbled off flexing my legs gratefully as I commenced texting madly while mumbling something about "Getting old sucks. Haven't crouched like that since high school rugby."

The other driver pulled up just as my message whooshed off and the 'sent' sign came up.

"My message is off. " I announced.

"We'll get our truck just in case.' They reiterated.

"Thank you that would be great. I do have beer in the back of my car!'

They laughed and pulled out continuing down the road.

Enjoying the sun and feeling mildly hopeful I walked back to my car wary of the enticing snowmobile trail.

Within ten minutes there was a red pick-up with yellow plows pulling my car gently back the mere two feet it needed to be safe, witnessed by a black pick-up with two snowmobilers and friends in it.

As my car came free, each vehicle emptied. The snowmobilers howled at Super Firewood Guy. He had just delivered them wood last week. I did offer beers, but all had a sunny Haliburton afternoon to still be enjoyed. With thank yous and waves all around we each pulled out to continue our day.

Good things happen in Haliburton because good people are here.

P.S. - I did finally have a beer when I got back.

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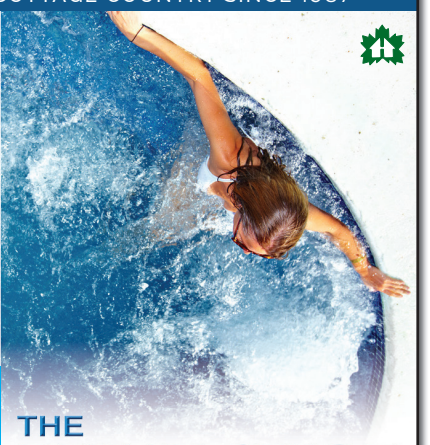

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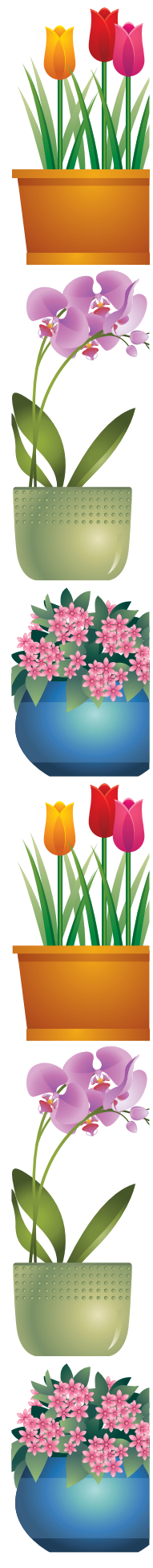

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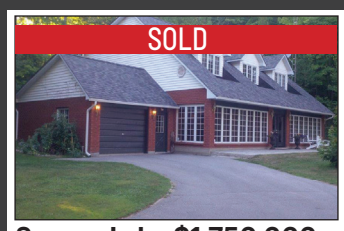

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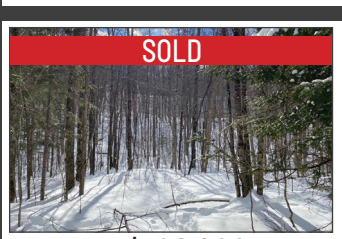

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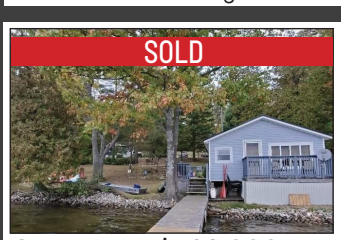

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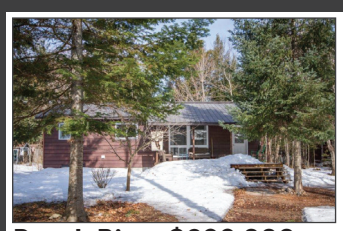

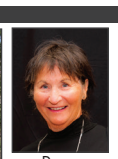

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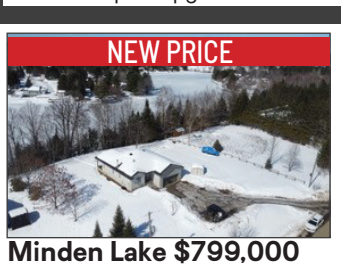

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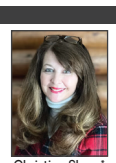

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Waste is no hazard

Environment Ontario officials say there's nothing to worry about with regards to the disposal of urea formaldehyde insulation at local dumps.

An Eagle Lake resident contacted the **Echo** last week, stating that the insulation being removed from area homes was being disposed of at the local dump. The resident wondered whether the foam insulation might pose a health hazard.

A call to Environment Ontario's Wayne Moore in Bracebridge indicated there was no health hazard. While urea formaldehyde can cause harmful vapors when contained in an enclosed area, "once it is exposed to the air there is no further problem," Moore explained.

He said that several contractors "working in the Haliburton area" had asked his office whether or not they should dispose of the insulation in local dump sites -- and that Environment Ontario had okayed the practice.

Moore did say that it would probably not be a good idea to burn the urea formaldehyde, -- and added that it would be best disposed of by being buried.

He reiterated that the foam is only harmful "in confined spaces," and is rendered harmless "once it is exposed to the air."

Where were you at noon on Saturday. If you were in downtown Haliburton, there's a good chance you're in this picture. This aerial view of the town was taken from a Canadian Armed Forces helicopter. The forces were on manouevers in the Irondale area over the weekend, In the foreground is the arena and curling rink, and in the background highway 118 curves around Sir Sandford Fleming College.

Redistribution draws criticism

by MARTIN BIEFER
Echo Editor

Officials from the townships of Cardiff, Monmouth and Snowdon aren't particularly pleased by a recommendation that their deputy-reeves be eliminated from the county council.

The recommendation to change the representation format of the county council was made two weeks ago by the county's management committee -- a committee chaired by Dysart reeve Murray Fearrey.

Under the current system, there are 29 votes cast by 19 people on money-related matters. Anson, Hindon and Minden's reeve and deputy-reeve now have two votes each, as do their counterparts on Dysart and Stanhope municipal council.

Cardiff's reeve has two votes, and the township's deputy reeve one vote -- the same system that is used for Glamorgan and Lutterworth, and Sherborne et al.

Monmouth and Snowdon's reeve and deputy-reeve get a vote each, and Bicroft's reeve gets one vote. The formula applies to any recorded vote.

Under the new system, as mentioned last week, Dysart would get four votes; AHM three; Stanhope, Sherborne et al, Glamorgan and Lutterworth two; and Snowdon, Monmouth, Cardiff and Bicroft one each.

Reeve Murray Fearrey

Squeezing out the little guy?

Monmouth reeve Keith Tallman said he was "certainly very opposed" to the new formula -- which will be discussed further by council at upcoming county meetings.

He presented three arguments against the new plan -- that it would be "a loss of a vote for our municipality," that it would mean there would be "no one to replace the reeve if he's absent" and that aspiring candidates for reeve in the three townships would lose the valuable experience they gain as deputy-reeves.

"It's unfortunate that we have to go through this again," said Tallman. "I thought we had resolved this last year." Last year's compromise solution -- which was ultimately rejected by the provincial government -- would have allowed the three deputy-reeves to sit on council and vote on all but recorded issues.

"This new proposal is not good for the county," added the Monmouth reeve. However, he did state that "unfortunately, it's fair...you can't say it's not fair."

"Here in Monmouth we're part of the county too...and it looks like they are trying to squeeze the little fellow," he concluded.

Snowdon reeve Bob Vick said he was "not too well pleased" with the new proposal.

He said he felt the move was "selfish" on the part of Dysart, and added that it would mean that "two or three townships will be running it all (the county) now."

Deputy-reeve Ross Duncan of Cardiff township said the overall contribution of a member municipality should be looked at before numbers. Cardiff, he pointed out, had the second highest increase in apportionment last year.

"It's unfair to take more money from someone...while taking away their vote," he said. Duncan said he was "looking into the matter very carefully" and would have more to say when the matter comes up again at county council.

"Down in the south-east of the county we have a high concentration of development," he said. A full 80 per cent of Cardiff ratepayers are cottagers, and he admitted it would be "more than possible" that population in the township would grow enough by 1985 to allow the deputy-reeve to stay on at county council.

He suggested wryly that the larger municipalities might be employing a "divide and conquer" strategy.

Anson, Hindon and Minden reeve Lyle McKnight pointed out that his municipality would be losing a vote if the new system is carried out -- but their representation would actually increase.

Rather than having four of 29 votes (13.7 per cent of the vote) A, H and M would have three of 19 votes -- approximately 15.7 per cent of the total.

"Realistically," said McKnight, "you can't blame Dysart...you can't say its injust that they get one more vote than we will." He noted that Dysart has 38 per cent of the county apportionment -- compared to 17 per cent in AHM.

"However," he added, "it's too bad to see municipalities losing their deputy-reeves."

"You can't argue about it being fair," he said.

However, he added, it was unfortunate that three municipalities would lose their deputy-reeves if the system is adopted.

A matter of fairness

Dysart reeve Murray Fearrey told the **Echo** that the current voting pattern had no real relationship to the apportionment. The new system is "much fairer to the larger municipalities," he said, "and it's still fair to the smaller ones...it will take at least four of the ten municipalities to carry a fiscal or money matter vote."

The new system is still a proposal -- and a county council vote must be taken before the new formula can be implemented.

Monmouth's Tallman is against plan

Is Fearrey a Clark fan?

The annual get-together for municipal politicians -- the event that draws the biggest number of local officials -- is without a doubt the Good Roads convention, held annually in Toronto.

Each year a number of top speakers, including provincial and occasionally federal cabinet ministers, use the meeting as a forum to bounce their views off the "grassroots" audience of Ontario mayors, reeves, councillors and aldermen.

This year's keynote speaker was Tory leadership candidate Joe Clark, and according to Dysart reeve Murray Fearrey, Clark's public image is not the one the national press would have the country believe it is.

Impressed

"He was certainly more impressive in person...than how I had seen him while watching television," Fearrey said.

"Contrary to what was reported on national TV and in the larger newspapers he (Clark) was well-received by the 1500 delegates in attendance," he continued.

The national media focussed its attention on Clark's comments about the Liberals, but Fearrey said the bulk of his time was devoted to discussion "about his party's position on various issues...such as make-work projects, and government waste."

Clark told the delegates that the federal government had spent $45 million on copying equipment and some $25 million on entertainment, food and accommodation for government departments, and $20 million "on an organizatoin that was promoting government unity."

Fearrey said Clark proposed that the stop-gap make-work programs, such as NEED and COEEDP should be replaced by some long-term employment opportunities. The PC leadership candidate said more permanent projects, such as reforestation, airport construction and the building of docks would be of

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Ministry replies to local doctors

The ministry of health has responded to charges by local doctors that MMR II booster shots, administered recently to county students, were to a degree unnecessary.

A letter from the ministry appears on page four of the **Echo.**

In writing on behalf of health minister Larry Grossman, Dr Barbara Blake states that "the decision made by the ministry to use this vaccine rather than the single vaccine is based on the recommendations of a committee consisting of representatives... (from) the Ontario Medical Association, the Canadian College of Family Practice (Ontario Branch) and the Canadian Pediatric Society."

"For a number of reasons about ten per cent of those vaccinated with these (single) vaccines (against measles, mumps, and rubella) may not be protected," stated Blake.

"The fact that the majority of cases of measles now being reported are occuring in children who have (already) been vaccinated serves to illustrate this point," she continued.

Dr Blake went on to state that there were benefits to "selective re-immunization," especially "where there is no increased cost or effort involved and where there are no contradictions to the use of measles, mumps and rubella vaccine in individuals immune to one or more of these viruses."

Dr Bob Heyes of Haliburton said the ministry letter "was the exact response expected" by the doctors of Haliburton and Minden. "The individual still has the choice of paying (for single shots for specific viruses) or getting the MMR II (a booster shot that combines vaccine for all three viruses)."

"The letter has changed nothing...we're a bit disappointed, but the government tends not to budge on such things."

The doctors had hoped the ministry would make single vaccines for the three viruses available here, so that children already inoculated against one of the viruses would not have to receive a non-essential booster shot.

About 75 students did not receive their MMR II shots, compared to the over 200 who did. The shots were administered by Haliburton, Kawartha and Pine Ridge District Health personnel in county schools, at no cost to parents.

Hospitality training centre off ground

Over a year of meetings, research, studies and surveys have culminated in the establishment of a training centre in Haliburton county that is the first of its kind anywhere. The centre will create a labor pool of well-trained personnel to waitress, bartend, assist in the kitchen and tend to housekeeping duties in the hospitality industry.

The need for such a training establishment was identified by both members of the industry and those involved in employment counselling. Formal training, it was agreed, had been neglected in these fields because the amount of skills required to do these jobs well had never been truly recognized in this county. On the other hand, in Europe, being a waiter or waitress, for instance, was a highly respected profession requiring an apprenticeship.

A Federal government program

The project is being funded through a federal government grant under the Local Employment Assistance Program (LEAP). The committee sponsoring the project is made up of representatives of the resort and restaurant industry, the Board of Education, the Manpower Outreach Centre, Sir Sandford Fleming College and the Chamber of Commerce. The committee first secured funding last June to investigate the needs of the industry and

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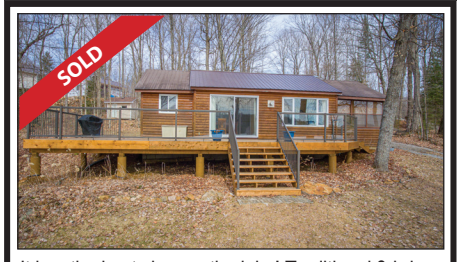
LITTLE GLAMOR LAKE $529,000



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